



DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

32 CFR Part 706

Certifications and Exemptions Under the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DoD.

ACTION: Final Rule.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Navy (DoN) is amending its certifications and exemptions under the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972 (72 COLREGS), to reflect that the Deputy Assistant Judge Advocate General (DAJAG) (Admiralty and Maritime Law) of the DoN has determined that USS HARRY S. TRUMAN (CVN 75) is a vessel of the Navy which, due to its special construction and purpose, cannot comply fully with certain provisions of the 72 COLREGS without interfering with its special function as a naval ship. The intended effect of this rule is to warn mariners in waters where 72 COLREGS apply.

DATES: This rule is effective [INSERT DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER] and is applicable beginning June 25, 2012.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the authority granted in 33 U.S.C. 1605, the DoN amends 32 CFR Part 706.

This amendment provides notice that the DAJAG (Admiralty and Maritime Law) of the DoN, under authority delegated by the Secretary of the Navy, has certified that USS HARRY S. TRUMAN is a vessel of the Navy which, due to its special construction and purpose, cannot comply fully with the following specific provisions of 72 COLREGS without interfering with its special function as a naval ship: Annex I, paragraph 3(a), pertaining to the placement of the forward masthead light in the forward quarter of the ship; Annex I, paragraph 2(g), pertaining to the placement of the sidelights above the hull; and Annex I, paragraph 2(i) (iii), pertaining to the vertical line spacing of the task lights. The DAJAG (Admiralty and Maritime Law) has also

certified that the lights involved are located in closest possible compliance with the applicable 72 COLREGS requirements.

Moreover, it has been determined, in accordance with 32 CFR Parts 296 and 701, that publication of this amendment for public comment prior to adoption is impracticable, unnecessary, and contrary to public interest since it is based on technical findings that the placement of lights on this vessel in a manner differently from that prescribed herein will adversely affect the vessel's ability to perform its military functions.

List of Subjects in 32 CFR Part 706

Marine Safety, Navigation (Water), and Vessels.

For the reasons set forth in the preamble, amend part 706 of title 32 of the CFR as follows:

PART 706-CERTIFICATIONS AND EXEMPTIONS UNDER THE
INTERNATIONAL REGULATIONS FOR PREVENTING COLLISIONS AT SEA,
1972

1. The authority citation for part 706 continues to read:

Authority: 33 U.S.C. 1605

2. Section 706.2 is amended as follows:

A. In Table Two by revising the entry for USS HARRY S. TRUMAN (CVN 75);

B. In Table Four, paragraph 22, by adding, in alpha numerical order, the following entry for USS HARRY S. TRUMAN (CVN 75); and

C. In Table Five by revising the entry for USS HARRY S. TRUMAN (CVN 75).

§706.2 Certifications of the Secretary of the Navy under Executive Order 11964 and 33 U.S.C. 1605.

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Table Two

Vessel	Number	Masthead lights, distance to stbd of keel in meters; Rule 21(a)	Forward anchor light, distance below flight dk in meters; §2(K), Annex I	Forward anchor light, number of; Rule 30(a) (i)	AFT anchor light, distance below flight dk in meters; Rule 21(e), Rule 30(a) (ii)	AFT anchor light, number of; Rule 30(a) (ii)	Side lights, distance below flight dk in meters; §2 (g), Annex I	Side lights, distance forward of forward masthead light in meters; §3(b), Annex I	Side lights, distance inboard of ship's sides in meters; §3(b), Annex I
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Table Four

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Vessel	No	Vertical separation of the task light array is not equally spaced, the separation between the middle and lower task light exceed the separation between the upper and middle light by
USS HARRY S. TRUMAN	CVN 75	0.18 meter
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Table Five

Vessel	No.	Masthead lights not over all other lights and obstructions. annex I, sec. 2(f)	Forward masthead light not in forward quarter of ship. annex I, sec. 3(a)	After mast- head light less than 1/2 ship's length aft of forward masthead light. annex I, sec. 3(a)	Percentage horizontal separation attained
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USS HARRY S. TRUMAN	CVN 75	-	X	-	-
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